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In re Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 24, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 24, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fees in addition to those in the enclosed fee transmittal are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/004191.C1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.